

## NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

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### THE CITY IS PROSPEROUS

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch,  
No. 1102 Hull Street.

The city of Manchester has made an excellent record during the past year from every point of view. Building was exceedingly active, there being many additions to the manufacturing establishments here. Indeed, the city has had its most prosperous year.

The class of buildings was far more substantial than those already here. Street improvements have been marked, and even more extensive improvements are contemplated for the coming year.

**Work of Police.**  
The Police Department has worked diligently, and the percentage of crime during the year in comparison with that of previous years seems to be much less.

Chief Lipscomb has prepared his annual report, and in part contains the following figures, which are comparative:

Felonies	1907	1906
Misdemeanors	321	344
Misdemeanors by arrest	382	393
Suspicious characters	15	14
Lunacy	1	1
Crap shooters	68	5
Vagrancy	5	0
Ordinance violations	1,045	1,112
Total of work	1,536	1,918

**Fewer Fires.**  
Manchester has been favored in many ways and particularly in the matter of fires, there having been but two of any consequence during the past year, these being the Shotwell Tannery and the warehouse of R. H. Richardson. There were but twenty-one calls and the actual loss by fire will not exceed \$3,000. When the inadequate facilities of the department are taken into consideration it is phenomenal to record such a small loss by fire. It is largely due to the efficient work of Chief Crooks and his men.

**Clerk to Sit Again.**  
At the regular meeting of the Cemetery Committee held last night, it was decided that the special clerk should sit in the office of the City Sergeant beginning to-morrow from 10 P. M. to 11 P. M. At this time any persons who have receipts for lots in Maury Cemetery, or who have any claims there, should make them known to the clerk, Mr. Sampson, who will be on duty for the purpose of straightening out the books of the institution.

The committee transacted routine business and adjourned. Those present were: Messrs. J. W. Moore, J. B. Rudd, W. D. Ferguson, R. L. Patman and H. A. Lindsay.

**Franklin for Assembly.**  
Walter D. Franklin, one of the most popular young men in the city, will be a candidate for the City Assembly in the coming spring election from Third Ward. The present Assemblymen from that ward, Messrs. O. L. Godwin and H. A. Lindsay, will probably run. They are filling unexpired terms.

Mr. Franklin will make a good run. He is a bright young man and one of ability. He is also a member of the Merchants' National Bank, in Richmond.

**James Womack Dead.**  
James R. Womack, son of Mrs. Victoria Womack, died at the residence of his mother at 3 West Twentieth Street, this morning at 3:30 o'clock in the sixteenth year of his age. He leaves besides his mother, several brothers and a sister.

**New Births and Deaths.**  
The Almshouse Committee met yesterday afternoon at the institution and transacted routine business.

Messrs. W. H. T. Thornton, H. V. Goode, Harvey Williams, Superintendent Phaup, of Chesterfield county, and Mr. H. B. Brown, of New York, were in the Lafayette Hotel last night.

Mrs. E. C. Wilkerson and children, who have been visiting in Newport News, are now the guests of Mrs. T. J. Turpin, on Porter Street.

Mrs. W. J. Carter is quite sick with grip.

Mr. Edward Winkerson, of Powhatan, is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Mary Woodard, of Petersburg, is the guest of Mrs. A. W. Fahr, on Porter Street.

Mr. William Tomlin, who has been visiting his sister, Samuel Richards, has returned to Philadelphia.

Miss Page Howlett is visiting in Smithfield.

The Rev. Benjamin Dennis left last night for Chattanooga to spend several days.

Mrs. Virginia D. Holt and Master Jack Merchant are visiting relatives in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Robertson are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Daniel Bridgforth, in Lumberton.

Mr. George Holt is in New York to spend a week or two.

Mr. B. P. Vaden has returned from Powhatan, where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McRay returned Monday from Washington, where they were visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Zylstra are visiting their parents in Charleston, S. C., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pettigrew are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew.

Miss Richardson has returned from West Point, where she spent Christmas.

The regular meeting of the Hestia Conclave of Heptastrophs will be held to-night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. E. B. Brown has returned from Southwest Virginia, where he has been looking after an onyx quarry which he will develop.

While walking on the beach of a picket fence at her home in Oak Grove Tuesday afternoon little Lola Cheatham, daughter of A. B. Cheatham and granddaughter of Chief of Police Lipscomb, fell, and one of the pickets tore a piece of flesh and exposed the hip joint, and for some time after the injury the child suffered considerably.

**CRUISER READY FOR TRIAL**

The North Carolina will leave Newport News Friday.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 1.—Friday morning the big new United States armored cruiser, North Carolina, the latest product of the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, will steam for Rockland, Me., where, next Monday, Tuesday, she will be given her official government speed tests. On her deck today here recall her remarkable smoothness, and the builders are con-

stantly repeating the fact that the vessel will be given her four-hour forced draft run down the Coast of Maine to Boston light. There the members of the trial board will be transferred to a tug and taken to Boston, and the cruiser will start on her voyage back to the port. Beginning Tuesday night, the vessel will beat her twenty-four-hour endurance run under forced draft. The run will be concluded Wednesday evening and the vessel will arrive here Thursday morning.

During the trip to New England the cruiser will be commanded by Captain W. G. Melvin, and will be manned by a crew of mechanics picked from the yard force. Representing the builders on the trial board will be General Manager Walter A. Post, Superintendent of Hull Construction Homer L. Ferguson, Superintendent of Machinery James Rowbottom and Chief Engineer Charles Bailey.

Commander Victor Blue, U. S. N., who is a native of North Carolina, and who will be the executive officer of the ship when she is commissioned, will also be aboard.

The North Carolina will be turned over to the Navy Department at the Norfolk Navy-yard in February. The vessel will be christened, and is nearing completion at this yard, and she will be delivered in March.

**SCHOOLS OPEN TO-DAY**

Holidays Are Over and Young People Take Up Books Again.

Public and private schools in all parts of Richmond will resume their sessions this morning, after ten days of thorough enjoyment on the part of the youngsters. Railroads to-day will be crowded with college boys and girls returning from their vacations, and within a day or two everything will be settled into the normal routine, and 1908 will be getting into the stride as a busy and useful year.

**By Wireless 1,000 Miles.**

VALLEJO, CAL., January 1.—Five wireless telegraph messages have been received at Mare Island and Point Loma, from Sitka, Alaska. This is the first time that wireless messages have been received from Sitka to Mare Island. The distance from Sitka to Mare Island is 1,350 miles, and from Sitka to Point Loma is a little more than 1,900 miles.

**Two Virginia Couples Wed.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 1.—These Virginia couples were granted license to wed here to-day: Harry L. Alshire, of Luray, Va., and Nellie Alshire, of Luray, Va.; and H. Thompson, of Petersburg, Va., and Pearl S. Laughlin, of Chester, Va.

**Worked Sure Mule.**

Frank Mink (colored) was arrested yesterday by Policeman Brantley on the charge of working a sore-backed mule. The man was reported by Agent E. C. Taylor, of the S. P. C. A. He was bailed for his appearance in court this morning.

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**Quiet in Federal Building.**  
Holiday was pretty generally observed in the Federal Building yesterday, though all the offices were open for a while during the morning. From the marshal's office a number of subpoenas were sent out for witnesses to attend the Alexandria term of the United States District Court, beginning next Tuesday. The post-office observed holiday hours, most of the men having worked during a portion of the day.

**MERCY FOR JENNINGS**

Eighteen-Year-Old Youth Is Convicted of Forgery and Is Sent to Reformatory.

Frank Jennings, an eighteen-year-old youth, was called in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of forging the name of Mrs. Ada W. Cabell, wife of Henry Landon Cabell, to a check for \$22.50, which he attempted to pass at the Harry Brainerd Hardware Company on Marshall Street. On account of the boy's youth and the wish of Mr. Cabell, who appeared for his wife, not to prosecute, Justice Crutchfield tempered justice with mercy and sentenced the boy to five years in the State Reformatory for Delinquents, who made the arrest, also interceded for the boy, stating that evil companionship more than anything else was responsible for Jennings's downfall.

The Jennings convicted of forgery is not Frank W. Jennings, of No. 2405 Hanover Street.

**Raising Cash for New School.**  
Dr. E. C. Henning, secretary of the Baptist Educational Commission of Virginia, representing the Woman's College and endowment fund, has just returned to the city after a visit to Emporia in the interests of the proposed college. He reports having raised the sum of \$500 in cash and pledged while there.

**Resisted Officer.**  
Follicorn Perkins, one of the new men on the force, yesterday had a rather unpleasant encounter with Pat Murphy, alias W. T. Taylor, who resisted arrest when charged with peddling without a license. Murphy was peddling butter when put under arrest.

**MARINE INTELLIGENCE.**

PORT OF RICHMOND, JAN. 1, 1908.

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